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BORN TO EXPLORE WITH RICHARD WIESE
IS HONORED WITH THREE DAYTIME EMMY® AWARD NOMINATIONS

Westport, CT (May 1, 2014) The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) announced today that ***Born to Explore with Richard Wiese*** has earned three Emmy® nominations for the 41ST Annual Daytime Entertainment Emmy® Awards. The weekly travel/adventure series is featured on *Litton's Weekend Adventure* and airs Saturday mornings on ABC stations coast to coast.

Born to Explore with Richard Wiese was recognized with nominations in three categories:

- Outstanding Host in a Lifestyle/Travel Program;
- Outstanding Special Class Writing;
- Outstanding Directing in a Lifestyle/Culinary/Travel Program.

“We’re a small group,” comments Wiese. “Every year, we continue to refine and improve the show, thanks to strong, collaborative teamwork at every step of the production process. I feel fortunate to work with such talented professionals and to compete with top quality productions done with much bigger budgets. We’re grateful for the support of our viewers.”

The *Born to Explore* production team is locally based, with offices in Westport. Host and Executive Producer Richard Wiese lives in Weston, as does Executive Producer Mercedes Velgot, and Co-Executive Producer Andrew Ames lives in Redding.

“We travel the world to produce inspirational television programs which capture the wonder of our planet from its wildlife to its diverse cultures,” added Ms. Velgot. “We are thrilled by these nominations and the recognition of our peers.”

The Emmy nominations come on the heels of the series winning 11 Telly Awards last month and its second consecutive Parents’ Choice Gold Medal Award in January. In 2012 and 2013, the series earned three Daytime Emmy® nominations and won the 2013 Emmy® Award for Outstanding Single-Camera Cinematography. The 41st Daytime Creative Arts Emmy® Awards gala will be held on June 20th in Los Angeles.

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The highly successful first two seasons of *Born to Explore with Richard Wiese™* averaged 1.4 million US viewers every week. The series is now in its third season on ABC and can also be seen on American Forces Network (AFN), a worldwide broadcast network which serves American service men and women and their families overseas.

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About Richard Wiese

As an explorer and respected field scientist, Richard has traveled to all seven continents. He was the youngest President of the legendary Explorers Club. Richard has tagged jaguars in the Yucatan jungles, led expeditions to the Northern Territory of Australia and was a member of the largest medical expedition ever conducted on Mt. Everest. He achieved the first ascent of an unclimbed mountain in Alaska, discovered 29 new life forms on Africa's Mt. Kilimanjaro and cross-country skied to the North Pole. As a journalist, he has received numerous honors, including an Emmy Award, a Genesis Award, an Associated Press Folio Award, a Golden Halo Award and the 2012 Walter Cronkite Award for his contributions to journalism and exploration. He is also the author of *Born to Explore: How To Be A Backyard Adventurer* (Harper Collins 2009).

About Litton Entertainment

Litton Entertainment, the preeminent independent distributor in the television industry, has been creating and distributing quality programming for over twenty years. In addition to *Litton's Weekend Adventure*, Litton provides *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, *Jack Hanna's Into the Wild*, *Storm Stories*, and *Animal Exploration with Jarod Miller*. Litton also operates Litton News Source which distributes *Consumer Reports Television*. For more information about Litton Entertainment, visit www.litton.tv

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